



# TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE

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## Press Release 5/13/22

- COVID COMMUNITY IMPACT** - On May 5, 2022, the Burlington County Health Department released its final municipal level daily case counts. With the increased use of home testing resulting in many cases going unreported, coupled with high vaccination rates and more treatment options available for those who become infected, it was determined that daily case and fatality counts are no longer the most pertinent indicators to measure the impact and trajectory of COVID-19 moving forward. The COVID-19 Community Impact Dashboard (<https://burlconj.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/16e1e482d1a446a3b4f73fee4592b430>) will continue to be updated once weekly (typically on Mondays) with municipality level data and case rates as well as other metrics to monitor local transmission and burden.

If you would like additional information on COVID-19, including county-wide totals for daily new cases from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), please visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/>. On behalf of BCHD, thank you for your continuous support, feedback, and commitment to public health.

**TESTING: COVID-19 Testing to include PCR & Rapid Testing:** The only Burlington County COVID-19 testing site still open is in Willingboro. Visit the Burlington County Health Department web-site for dates and times: [co.burlington.nj.us/1927/COVID-19-Testing](https://co.burlington.nj.us/1927/COVID-19-Testing) To order a Federal test kit visit [www.covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) or state's saliva test: [learn.vaulthealth.com](https://learn.vaulthealth.com)

**VACCINATION:** For those who are homebound, vaccinations can be scheduled by calling the Burlington County Health Dept at 609-265-5548.

The CDC is updating its recommendations to allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least 4 months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. Individuals can book their appointments on the NJVSS website or use the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Finder to get an appointment at locations throughout New Jersey at <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>.

The new Burlington County Megasite May and June Schedule hours are:

Tuesdays 9am to 1:45pm  
Fridays 11am to 5:45pm\*  
Saturdays 9am to 1:45pm\*\*

\*May 27<sup>th</sup> hours modified to 9am to 1:45 pm

\*\*Closed May 28<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day Weekend

**MASK RECOMMENDATIONS:** KN95 or N95 or double layered well-fitting surgical and cloth are still recommended by the CDC in certain situations (immunocompromised, etc.). CDC page link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.

Websites for looking up approved KN95 and N95 masks are:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html> and [www.ProjectN95.org](https://www.ProjectN95.org).

2. **Water Service & Sewer Service Lines:** Recently we have received inquiries regarding who is responsible for the water service and sewer service lines from the main to the property line and into the building (residence/business). The entire service line, including valves and clean-outs is the responsibility of the home owner/business owner to the connection at the main line. Please check the condition of your service lines, clean-outs and valves as they all eventually need to be repaired or replaced. If your service lines date back prior to 1980, there is a good chance the piping needs to be repaired or replaced. Also, it is a good idea to check with your insurance company to determine coverage in the event of a leak or pipe failure. Most home owner insurances will provide additional insurance for coverage. You may contact the Water & Sewer Department for assistance in assessing your service lines (609) 499-2518.
3. **Municipal Offices:** The municipal building is open to the public. For the safety of our employees and the public, we encourage individuals to wear a mask while inside the municipal building, especially if you are not feeling well. We encourage the public to continue to use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building for all payments, license renewals, construction permits, etc. Normal office hours are 9am – 4:30pm.
4. **Recycling Center:** The recycling center hours are:  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 11am to 5pm  
Saturday from 9am to 3pm
5. **Township Council Meetings:** The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, 2022 starting at 7:00pm. For the safety of our council members, professionals and the public, residents are encouraged to attend the meeting virtually. Instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township's Home Page website [www.florence-nj.gov](http://www.florence-nj.gov) or by calling the Clerk's Office at 609-499-2525, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person or virtual, you can review the zoom version of the meeting by going to the Home Page of the township web-site. There are several ways to view the zoom recording:

1. Click on "Documents" tab, then click on "Recorded Zoom Meetings".
  2. Click on "Government" tab, then click on "Recorded Zoom Meetings".
  3. Click on "Documents" tab, click on "Agenda & Minutes", click on 2022 Township Council, and at the top of the page "Click Here to View Township Zoom Recordings"
6. **Zoning & Planning Board Meetings:** For the safety of our board members, professionals and the public, residents are encouraged to attend the meeting virtually. Instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township's Home Page website [www.florence-nj.gov](http://www.florence-nj.gov). The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:30pm. A Special Zoning Board meeting will be held Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to continue public hearing of the two NFI applications. The next Regular Zoning Board meeting is Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7:30pm.

Master Plan Public Hearing is on the Planning Board's May 24<sup>th</sup> agenda: The proposed 2022 Master Plan has been uploaded to the website ([www.florence-nj.gov](http://www.florence-nj.gov)). There is an "announcement" on the Home Page making it very easy to find.

It can also be found by going to web-site Home Page, click on "Documents" tab, then click on "Master Plan".

7. **Tax Bills & Water/Sewer Bills: Reminder – Water/Sewer payments are due by Tuesday, May 31, 2022.** Payments can be made online [www.florence-nj.gov](http://www.florence-nj.gov) or use the Drop Box located next to the trophy case in our front lobby. **The Drop Box will be checked multiple times daily for your convenience. Payments must be check or money orders, NO CASH.** Please provide a phone number with your payment and we will call to confirm payment was received. Please allow 48 hours for your payment to be posted to our online account portal. Feel free to call the office with any questions, 609-499-2525. The office hours are 9am – 4:30pm. Any documents left in the drop box will be processed and mailed back to residents as needed. The Drop Box is available 24/7 for resident's convenience.
8. **Construction Office:** The office hours are 9am – 4:30pm. Residents and developers dropping off permits, plans, etc. are encouraged to use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building. Any questions, please call the Construction Office at (609) 499-2130.
9. **Police Department:** The police lobby window will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8am -4:30pm, Wednesday 8am – 8pm and Saturday 8am -1pm. If you require police assistance, please use the yellow call box located by the Municipal Building Main Lobby doors. When using the call box, please state your business to the call taker. A police officer will subsequently be dispatched to handle your matter. Please see Police Department web-site on how to obtain Police Reports, Handicap Placards or call (609) 499-3131.
10. **Municipal Court:** We encourage individuals paying tickets and/or fines to continue to pay on-line or use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building. Please contact the Court Office at (609) 499-2222 if you have any questions. The office hours are 9am – 4:30pm, Monday - Friday.

Mayor Craig Wilkie